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SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNTRY PLAN PROJECTS

REF: STATE 022889

1. 1977 COUNTRY PLAN WAS PREPARED MAY 1976 WHEN GIVE AND TAKE WITH GDR OFFICIALS ON U.S. INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM WAS STILL IN INITIAL PHASES AND POSSIBILITIES AND OBJECTIVES WERE STILL BEING EVALUATED. AS ANTICIPATED, REALISTIC REVISION OF POST PROJECT LISTING IS NOW IN ORDER. CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) GC 01 LEIPZIG SPRING FIAR: NO CHANGE. ICS-PRODUCED EXHIBIT " DIMENSIONS USA" DURING MARCH 12-20 WILL SUPPORT POST OBJECTIVES IN ECONOMICS AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

B) GC 02 VISIT BY ASTRONAUT: COMPLETED BY VISIT OF ASTRONAUT AND MRS. GERALD CARR, JUNE 15-17, 1976. AMEMBASSY BERLIN -70 OF JUNE 30, 1976 DESCRIBES AND EVALUATES PROJECT.

C) GC 03 FILM RETROSPECTIVE: USA FILM WEEK IN SPRING 1977 IS IMPORTANT PART OF THE US CULTURAL PLAN AGREED TO BY GDR AUTHORITIES. COMPLICATIONS ON FILM AVAILABILITY AS REPORTED IN STATE 032617 OF FEBRUARY 12, 1977, NOW APPARENTLY THREATEN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM. POST ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PROJECT WHICH WAS PROPOSED BY US AND ACCEPTED BY GDR, AND ACTIVE EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO SOLVE EXISTING PROBLEMS. BESIDES FILMS, PROGRAM TO INCLUDE VISIT AND LECTURES BY TOP-NAME AMERICAN DIRECTOR ( FRANK CAPRA MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE) AND ONE OR MORE EXPERTS ON AMERICAN CINEMA. SUPPORT MATERIALS TO INCLUDE AGENCY FILM PROCEDURE "1893" WHICH POST HAS ALREADY ORDERED FROM RSC MANILA, AND

FILM EXHIBIT WITH GERMAN-LANGUAGE CAPTIONS OBTAINED THROUGH  
RPO VIENNA OR USIS BONN.

D) GC 04 PAUL STRAND PHOTO EXHIBIT. STRAND EXHIBIT LIKEWISE PART  
OF CULTURAL PLAN PROPOSED BY US AND ACCEPTED BY GDR AND IS  
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FALL 1977. 3500 DOLLAR SHOWING FEE AND  
SERVICES OF PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM CURATOR HOFFMAN MAY POSE  
PROBLEM BUT, AS WITH FILM RETROSPECTIVE, POST CONSIDERS  
COMPLETION ESSENTIAL. GERMAN LANGUAGE CATALOG AND PUBLICITY  
BROCHURES NECESSARY AS SUPPORT MATERIALS. INVITATIONAL  
LECTURES ON STRAND, AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY AS AN ART FORM,  
WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH  
CLOSER CONTACTS WITH PRIORITY AUDIENCE MEMBERS.

E) GC 05 PERFORMING ARTS GROUP: ALSO PART OF CULTURAL  
PACKAGE AGREED UPON BY US/GDR. SCHEDULED FOR FALL 1977. CU  
ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE GROUP. SMALL CHAMBER GROUP  
CONSIDERED MOST SUITABLE AS FIRST OFFERING.

F) GC 06 EAST WEST SEMINAR: DEFERRED.

G) GC 07 ELECTION PROGRAM: COMPLETED IN MODIFIED FORM  
BY ELECTION-NIGHT EVENT HOSTED BY PAO WHERE RETURNS MONITORED  
FROM RIAS REPORTS, VTR'S OF DEBATES, SHOWN AND AMERICAN POLITICAL  
PROCESSES DESCRIBED AND DISCUSSED WITH GDR ATTENDEES.

H) GC 08 CONFERENCE ON LANDSAT AND REMOTE SENSING. DEFERRED.

I) GC 09 JOINT SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE: DEFERRED.  
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J) ADDITIONAL PROJECT: JOINT SEMINAR ON AMERICAN LITERATURE  
ALSO PART OF CULTURAL PACKAGE ACCEPTED BY GDR. SCHEDULED FOR  
FALL OR WINTER 1977. PARTICIPANTS TO INCLUDE MAJOR AMERICAN  
WRITER AND 3-4 AMERICAN LITERATURE SPECIALISTS. CU AND AGENCY  
WORKING TO IDENTIFY MAJOR WRITER AND ALSO AMERICAN PROFESSORS IN  
EUROPE TO PARTICIPATE IN 3-4 DAY SERIES OF LECTURES AND PANEL  
DISCUSSIONS  
WITH 12-15 GDR AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALISTS.

POST WILL CONTINUE TO ASK FOR AGENCY ASSISTANCE ON CP PROJECTS  
AS SCHEDULED BECOME FIRM AND DEADLINE DATES APPROACH. WISH  
TO EMPHASIZE THAT POST CONSIDERS ITSELF FIRMLY COMMITTED TO  
FILM WEEK, PAUL STRAND PHOTO EXHIBIT, PERFORMING ARTS  
GROUP, AND LITERATURE SEMINAR, ALL OF WHICH ACCEPTED BY GDR  
AFTER LONG AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS. CANCELLATION OR  
SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF ANY OF THEM WOULD JEOPARDIZE NOT  
ONLY THE FLEDGLING U.S. CULTURAL PROGRAM BUT ALSO HARD-WON  
OPPORTUNITIES TO CARRY ON ACTIVITIES ADVANTAGEOUS

TO US INTERESTS.

2. PROGRAM RATIONALE AS STATED IN CP REMAINS GENERALLY VALID. AS ANTICIPATED, SOME REORDEING OF OBJECTIVES HAS OCCURRED AS THE INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM HAS DEVELOPED IN THE CONTEXT OF OTHER EMBASSY ACTIVITIES AND THE OVERALL US/GDR RELATIONSHIP. GDR REMAINS CAUTIOUS IN ITS ATTITUDES TOWARD AMERICAN CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHEN SENSITIVE SUBJECTS INVOLVED, MAKING IT IMPOLITIC TO TRY TOO MUCH TOO SOON; HENCE, THE INDEFINITE DEFFERREL OF PROJECTS GC 06, GC 08, AND GC 09, EVEN THOUGH THE OBJECTIVES WHICH THE PROGRAMS WERE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT REMAIN OF OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE.

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